

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." ~Kahlil Gibran

October 3, 2012

Youth Volleyball Tournament - Oct. 9 & 11

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington invite you to join them as a volunteer on Oct. 9 or 11 to support the Monroe County Middle School Volleyball Championships. This event, held at Jackson Creek Middle School, is a fundraiser and friend-raiser for Boys and Girls Club Athletics. Volunteers will assist with the event in a variety of ways, including with the silent auction. Minimum age is 18; 6 if with an adult. Please contact Audrey Hall-Pine at (812) 332-5311 ext. 15 or ahall@bgcbloomington.org. (www.bgcbloomington.org)

Global Gifts Volunteer Training – Oct. 16

Global Gifts loves its volunteers, as their store is largely volunteer-run! If you are passionate about other cultures, working with impoverished people in the developing world, promoting fair trade, fair wages and environmentalism, then Global Gifts is a great service opportunity for you! Their volunteers assist in store operations, provide valuable customer service, and spread the mission of fair trade. Volunteers first attend an orientation session, then commit to two shifts per month for a minimum of 3 months. Shifts are three to five hours long. The next orientation will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tues. Oct. 16 at the store. Minimum age is 15. Please register by contacting Tana Hellwig at (812) 336-7402 or btownvolunteer@globalgiftsindy.com. (www.globalgiftsindy.com)

Leonard Springs Nature Days - Oct. 16 & 23

Spend a day in nature while teaching area sixth grade students about the natural world of creeks, wetlands, forests, soils, and karst topography with the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. Station facilitators and group leaders are needed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 23; if it rains, volunteers will be needed on the rain date, Oct. 30. Training will be provided.

Minimum age is 18. Sign up at http://bit.ly/LeonardSprings or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Annual Historic Home Tour - Oct. 20 & 21

Interested in history, architecture, and interior design? Take a visit to the featured residences in Matlock Heights through Bloomington Restorations' annual historic home tour on Oct. 20 and 21. If you volunteer for two hours greeting visitors and taking tickets, you will receive a free tour ticket. The tour, open from 1-5 p.m. on both days, features the Matlock Farmhouse, built in 1850, and six homes from the 1950's. You may choose to volunteer from 1-3 p.m. or from 3-5 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday. If you are 18 or over and interested, contact Sue Speichert at sue@bloomingtonrestorations.org or (812) 336-0909. (www.bloomingtonrestorations.org)

Writers for Children's Puppet Shows

Puppets, Pals and Pretty Gals is searching for someone to write children's plays and skits for private parties. If you are creative, fun, flexible, and have a sense of humor, this may be perfect for you! The audience age range varies. Plays can be of a secular or faith-based nature as long as they are not offensive. Ability to write original plays, sometimes with a one to two week notice, is required. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kym Eversman at (812) 209-9649 or puppetspalsandprettygals@yahoo.com.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Harmony Education Center

An independent pre-K through 12th grade school providing education to youth ages 3 to 18 from a wide range of economic and educational backgrounds. Emphasizes academic excellence, personal responsibility, cooperation, self-expression, self-esteem, community service and conservation. To grant a wish, contact Megan Folley at harmonyoffice@harmonyschool.org or (812) 334-8349. (909 E. 2nd St.; www.harmonyschool.org)

Wishes: box cutters, utility knives, poster board, art supplies, art brushes, book binding machine, electric pencil sharpeners, basketballs, storage boxes, three ring binders, indoor plants

Use the <u>Community Wish List</u> to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

